

from 10% to 50% by weight of the composition of a halogen donor component;

an effective amount of a halogen volatilisation agent; and

a char-inducing component which induces formation of a char upon application of flame to the composition.

~~Please replace claim 2 as follows:~~

2. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the acrylic polymer component ranges from 40% to 75% by weight of the composition.

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Please cancel claims 3 and 4.

Please replace claim 5 as follows:

5. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, further comprising a pigment for imparting colour to the composition.

~~Please replace claim 6 as follows:~~

6. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the halogen donor component comprises a halogen-containing polymer which has a K value of from about 50 to about 65.

~~Please replace claim 7 as follows:~~

7. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the halogen donor component comprises polyvinyl chloride.

~~Please replace claim 8 as follows:~~

8. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the char-inducing component comprises a blend of vitreous materials which exhibits a broad melting range of from about 350°C up to about 800°C and which devitrifies at temperatures in the range of from about 800°C to about 900°C.

~~Please replace claim 9 as follows:~~

9. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the char-inducing component comprises zinc borate, zinc stannate, or a mixture thereof.

~~Please replace claim 10 as follows:~~

10. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount of the char-inducing component ranges from about 2% by weight up to about 15% by weight of the composition.

~~Please replace claim 11 as follows:~~

11. (amended) A polymer composition according to claim 1, comprising a blend of:

from 40% to 75% by weight of the composition of the melt extrudable acrylic polymer component;

from 10% to 30% by weight of the composition of a polyvinyl chloride which has a K value of from about 50 to about 65 as the halogen donor component;

from 3% to 8% by weight of the composition of sodium antimonate or antimony trioxide as the halogen volatilisation agent; and

from 2% to 15% by weight of the composition of at least one zinc salt selected from zinc stannate and zinc borate as the char-inducing component.

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Please cancel claims 12-14.

2. AMEND
Please add new claim 15 as follows:

15. (new) A polymer laminate comprising a base material and a coat of a capstock polymer composition comprising a blend of:
a melt extrudable acrylic polymer component;
from 10% to 50% by weight of the composition of a halogen donor component;
an effective amount of a halogen volatilisation agent; and
a char-inducing component which induces formation of a char upon application of flame to the composition.

~~Please add new claim 16 as follows:~~

16. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the amount of the acrylic polymer component ranges from 40% to 75% by weight of the composition.

~~Please add new claim 17 as follows:~~

17. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the acrylic polymer component comprises at least a major amount of a

high molecular weight acrylic polymer that has a molecular weight of from about 100,000 to about 500,000.

~~Please add new claim 18 as follows:~~

18. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 17, wherein the acrylic polymer component comprises more than 50% by weight, based on the weight of the acrylic polymer component, of a high molecular weight acrylic polymer having a molecular weight in the range of from about 150,000 to about 350,000, on a number average basis, and up to 50% by weight, based on the weight of the acrylic polymer component, of a low molecular weight acrylic polymer having a molecular weight of from about 10,000 to about 100,000, on a number average basis.

~~Please add new claim 19 as follows:~~

19. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the capstock polymer composition further comprises a pigment for imparting colour to the composition.

~~Please add new claim 20 as follows:~~

20. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the halogen donor component comprises a halogen-containing polymer which has a K value of from about 50 to about 65.

~~Please add new claim 21 as follows:~~

21. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the halogen donor component comprises polyvinyl chloride.

~~Please add new claim 22 as follows:~~

22. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the char-inducing component comprises a blend of vitreous materials which exhibits a broad melting range of from about 350°C up to about 800°C and which devitrifies at temperatures in the range of from about 800°C to about 900°C.

~~Please add new claim 23 as follows:~~

23. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the char-inducing component comprises zinc borate, zinc stannate, or a mixture thereof.

~~Please add new claim 24 as follows:~~

24. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the amount of the char-inducing component ranges from about 2% by weight up to about 15% by weight of the composition.

~~Please add new claim 25 as follows:~~

25. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the capstock polymer composition comprises a blend of:

from 40% to 75% by weight of the composition of the melt extrudable acrylic polymer component;

from 10% to 30% by weight of the composition of a polyvinyl chloride which as a K value of from about 50 to about 65 as the halogen donor component;

from 3% to 8% by weight of the composition of sodium antimonate or antimony trioxide as the halogen volatilisation agent; and

from 2% to 15% by weight of the composition of at least one zinc salt selected from zinc stannate and zinc borate as the char-inducing component.

~~Please add new claim 26 as follows:~~

26. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the coat has a thickness of from about 40 μm to about 500 μm .

~~Please add new claim 27 as follows:~~

27. (new) A polymer laminate according to claim 15, wherein the base material comprises polyvinyl chloride.

~~Please add new claim 28 as follows:~~

28. (new) A building product comprising a polymer laminate according to claim 15.